

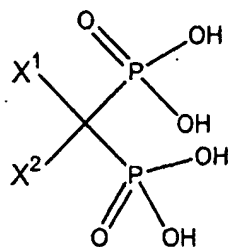
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-11. (Canceled)

¹
~~12.~~ (Currently amended) A salt monosalt of substituted ~~or unsubstituted~~ methylene bisphosphonic acid of formula I



wherein X¹ and X² are ~~independently hydrogen or halogen both chlorine or one of X¹~~
and X² is hydrogen and one is chlorine and the monosalt is selected from the group consisting
of a C₁₋₆ straight or branched primary, secondary or tertiary alkyl amine salt, an aralkyl amine
salt, and a basic N-containing heterocycle salt.

13-16. (Canceled)

²
~~17.~~ (Currently amended) A salt ~~as claimed in claim 16~~ ¹ monosalt according to claim ~~12~~,
wherein the salt monosalt is selected from the group consisting of a C₁₋₄ straight or branched
primary, secondary or tertiary alkylamine salt, an aralkyl amine salt, and a basic N-containing
heterocycle salt ~~or an alkali metal salt~~.

³
~~18.~~ (Currently amended) A salt ~~as claimed in claim 17~~ ¹ monosalt according to claim ~~12~~,

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wherein the salt monosalt is selected from the group consisting of a triethylamine, tri-n-propylamine, diisopropylethylamine, tri-n-butylamine, pyridine, and tribenzylamine ~~or sodium~~ salt.

19-23. (Canceled)